Qualities of a Good Child Care Provider

The following is a list of qualities and characteristics that are desirable in a child care provider:

- Has a sense of humor
- Someone with whom you can develop a relaxed, sharing relationship
- Someone your child would like
- Feels good about him- or herself and the job
- Has child-rearing attitudes and discipline methods that are similar to your own
- Is sensitive and responsive, but able to use authority in constructive ways (e.g. redirection)
- Knows and responds to each child as an individual
- Believes that every child has the ability to learn
- Understands child development
- Patiently helps children solve their problems
- Provides activities that encourage children to explore and think things through
- Organizes the environment and experiences to enrich the children's world
- Talks to children and encourages them to express themselves through words
- Encourages children to express themselves creatively
- Helps children know, accept, and feel good about themselves
- Helps children become independent in ways you approve
- Trained in infant/child cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid
- Is in good physical health and is emotionally stable
- Is enthusiastic, energetic, and dedicated
- Is flexible
- Resourceful
- **Is someone you can trust with your child**